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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 08, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Regional Clerk  
**Cc:** Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Markham; Melissa Qi  
**Subject:** Petition

Hello Regional Clerk,

Regional Councillor Jack Heath suggested our ratepayer association provide your department with our public petition that stands at approximately 700 signatures against The Missing Link which is referred to in Metrolinx's 2041 draft plan.

York Region staff is preparing to submit Council's position and comments to Metrolinx 2041 draft plan. Our group would like to request our petition be included. Please see three attachments - petition freight trains is the petition itself followed by the signature list and a combined petition/list.

Deadline for submissions is tomorrow Thursday November 9 before staff's report to Regional Council on November 16.

Thank you.

Ricardo Mashregi

Chair Grandview Area Residents Association, Markham

Please include as a partnering sponsor on this initiative;  
Pam Taraday-Levy  
President SpringFarm Ratepayer Association, Vaughan

# Public Transparency 4 Freight Trains

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**Target:** Government of Canada/Province of Ontario/York Region/Cities of Vaughan, Markham and Pickering

**Region:** Canada (/petition-campaigns/Canada/)

The Missing Link Report proposes to divert CP Rail freight traffic from its current route in Mississauga and Toronto to the existing CN Rail tracks in Markham and Vaughan, including Thornhill, Scarborough and Pickering. This redirection of freight traffic is proposed in order to accommodate all-day, two-way GO Train service on the Milton Corridor which would benefit the municipalities of Cambridge, Milton, Mississauga and Central Toronto.

This leaves Markham, Vaughan, Scarborough and Pickering with the potential for increased volumes of freight trains, including those carrying explosive, toxic and dangerous

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freight through one of the densest and fastest growing population centres in the GTA. These trains would be in addition to the dozens of freight trains, including those carrying dangerous materials that pass through all of our neighbourhoods on a daily basis. Rerouting would also require the construction of new tracks through our already congested areas.

We, the undersigned residents of the City of Vaughan, the City of Markham, City of Pickering, and the City of Toronto, strongly object to the manner in which the "Missing Link" railroad issue has been dealt with by the other GTA municipalities involved, and by their elected representatives at the local, Provincial and Federal levels.

While rerouting CP Rail freight trains to the CN Rail York Subdivision, including those carrying explosive, toxic and dangerous materials, may be of benefit to those municipalities, such action could have serious and lasting detrimental effects on our residents, including our children.

We object to the fact that reports have been commissioned, written, and accepted by those municipalities and their elected representatives without any notice to the residents or City Councils impacted by the rerouting, without any opportunity to participate in a transparent, even-handed, and objective process, and without any consideration whatsoever for the effects that such action could have on the residents.

We therefore respectfully request, in the interest of fairness, that our municipal, regional, Provincial and



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Federal representatives undertake to ensure that the "Missing Link" report, and the rerouting of CP Rail freight trains through our residential neighbourhoods, are re-examined in an objective, transparent, scientific, and totally public process including with community consultation meetings along the CN York Subdivision.



# PETITION

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

**WHEREAS** the residents of the City of Vaughan, the City of Markham, City of Pickering, and the City of Toronto, strongly object to the manner in which the "Missing Link" railroad issue has been dealt with by the other GTA municipalities involved, and by their elected representatives at the local, Provincial, and Federal levels.

**WHEREAS** although rerouting CP Rail freight trains to the CN Rail York Subdivision, including those carrying explosive, toxic and dangerous materials, may be of benefit to those municipalities, such action could have serious and lasting detrimental effects on our residents, including our children.

**WHEREAS** residents of the City of Vaughan, the City of Markham, City of Pickering, and the City of Toronto object to the fact that reports have been commissioned, written, and accepted by those municipalities and their elected representatives without any notice to the residents or City Councils impacted by the rerouting, without any opportunity to participate in a transparent, even-handed, and objective process, and without any consideration whatsoever for the effects that such action could have on the residents.

**THEREFORE**, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: In the interest of fairness, we respectfully request that our municipal, regional, Provincial and Federal representatives ensure that the "Missing Link" report, and the rerouting of CP Rail freight trains through our residential neighbourhoods, are re-examined in an objective, transparent, scientific, and totally public process including community consultation meetings along the CN York Subdivision.

A Petition

regarding the 'Missing Link'

containing approximately 600 names

is on file

in the Regional Clerk's Office